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DATE OF CONTENT 16 December 1953 to 1 January 1954

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REMARKS _____

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1. On 1 January 1954, the Artillerie Kaserne, Perleberg, was heavily occupied. Colonel Bragin was absent for a course. His deputy, Colonel Kusnetsov (fnu), also held the position of supply officer. Almost every second day between 16 and 23 December, T-34/85 tanks left the installation toward Wittenberg at about 10 a.m., returning about 3 p.m. on 18 December, 10 T-34/85 tanks left the installation. They allegedly returned at about 4 a.m. on 19 December. Between 16 and 31 December, 140 to 190 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets almost daily left the installation toward the post training field between 9 a.m. and 10 a.m. The troops used to return at about 3 p.m. 22 troops wearing black-bordered black epaulets and commanded by a lieutenant wearing black-bordered black epaulets with signal insignia were stationed in the installation as previously. During the period under review, about 10 troops wearing black-bordered black epaulets with signal insignia almost daily left the installation for the post training area. The troops returned at about 3 p.m. the Perleberg Kreis administration recently surveyed the barracks area for the construction of two apartment buildings for Soviet families. no order had been placed so far, because living room allegedly could be made available in the installation buildings. 25X1
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2. On 1 January, the Fliegerhorst Kaserne was heavily occupied as previously. General Kozikov (fnu) was last observed in the installation in early December and that he was absent for a course. His quarters were being reconditioned. Between 16 and 31 December, the following officers were observed in the quartering area:

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>
Lieutenant Colonel	Okulof (fnu)	Chief of staff
Captain	Syomin (fnu)	Kech officer
Major	Zorokin (fnu)	Supply officer of the division
Major	Zachko (fnu)	Club officer
Lieutenant Colonel	Vasiliyev (fnu)	Supply officer
Major	Babenko (fnu)	Supply officer
Lieutenant Colonel	Melnikov (fnu)	Commanding officer
Captain	Shumelko (fnu)	Commanding officer

Captain Shumelko allegedly succeeded Major Volkov (fnu). Between 16 and 31 December, 3 driving school trucks and 3 to 8 driving school sidcar motorcycles were repeatedly observed.

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3. On 24 December, 2 boxcarloads of frozen meat arrived [redacted] 25X1C

4. The MVD building had recently been vacated and the MVD office quartered there had moved to a building near Bayerateich. The fence was being dismantled. The building allegedly was scheduled to quarter Soviet families.

5. The following construction projects were under way between 16 and 31 December:

Reconstruction of the shed in the west corner of the installation area into a gymnasium, motion picture theater and club; the project was nearing completion; interior construction works in the officer billets east of the quarters of Unit Vasilyev;
interior completion of the temporary wooden building west of the club which was to serve as quarters for charwomen;
construction of a three-story brick building northeast of the temporary building mentioned above; and another three-story brick building northeast of the former MVD building. The two last mentioned buildings were to quarter Soviet families.

25X1 6. [redacted] one Komarov (fnu) was supply officer at the Perleberg hospital.

25X1 7. [redacted] since 1 December, the Perleberg special construction bureau was again subordinate to the Kech office in Schwerin.

25X1 8. [redacted] a new wooden observation tower, about 22 meters high, was under construction on hill No 28.7 in Jagen (forest section) No 89 in the post training area. The old wooden observations tower, which had been about 10 meters high, was being dismantled.

9. Prior to 1 January 1954, about 14 to 16 families of field-grade officers of the post had arrived at Perleberg.

25X1A [redacted] Comment. The information does not indicate any change in the occupation of the two installations over the last report of early December. [redacted] 25X1A

25X1A [redacted] Thus, the 58th Mezz Regt of the 18th Mezz Div, with its known commanding officer, Colonel Bragin (fnu), is confirmed in Perleberg until 1 January 1954. Of the other known officers mention is made of General Kozikov (fnu) as commanding officer of the division and Lieutenant Colonel Vasiliyev (fnu) who belongs to the 592 Mort Regt (US) or the 2511th AAA Regt (US) of the division. It may well be possible that an MVD office from the Fliegerhorst Kaserne transferred to the Bayerateich restricted area, which apparently also includes the post hospital. [redacted] 25X1C

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